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# Newsletter

## Number 5 14 March 2016



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### Thanks

... to those who supported this week's duathlon events

... to those who attended this week's whanau BBQ

### Good luck

... our year 5 and 6 campers and their support team

... Emily Darroch who competes in the NZ BMX championship in Auckland next week.

### Term calendar ... *More to follow as dates come to hand!*

21-24 March Year 5 and 6 camp to Russell

22 March Middle School Summer Sports Tournament (year 4 only)

29 March Easter Tuesday – a School Holiday

4 April Hockey coaching sessions start

5 April Mighty Maui Puppet Show

14 April Snow White Show

15 April Final day for term 1

### Year 4 Summer Sports Tournament

A reminder that our year 4 students will participate in the above event Tuesday 22 March (postponement 24.3). Children will travel by bus. Please ensure that children wear their Matarau T-shirts, and bring their lunch, drink bottle, sunhats, wet weather gear in case, and sunblock and spending money at your discretion. Any questions in the run-up please to Fiona. Thank you so much to our parent support team.

### School contributions and events fee

Parents with outstanding school contributions and fees and are asked to get these to the office at their nearest convenience please, or arrange an alternative payment arrangement with us. The school contribution is voluntary, but the board encourages people to pay out of fairness to other families. Thank you.

### International student enquiries

We get quite a few enquiries from parents of international students who would like to enrol their children at our school, but who need somewhere to live during the period of their child's enrolment. If you have a property (even as small as a studio) to rent please flick us an email next week.

### Please support ..

... the healthy snack fund-raiser accompanying this letter.

### Borrowed Matarau T-shirts

A number of students have "borrowed T-shirts at home. Please return these to school (washed) on Monday so that we can make these available to other students. Thank you.

### International Schools English and Maths Competitions

A reminder that consent forms for the International Schools English and Mathematics Competitions are due back at school by 24 March ... with no extension beyond this date. The English Exam is scheduled for 2 August and the Maths Exam for 16 August.

### Important safety message

We have received concerns about vehicles parked on Matarau Road near the main carpark entrance. Sometimes these vehicles are parked part on the grass and part on the road, meaning that other vehicles are crossing the centre line to get past. Visibility is poor here and we have had vehicle collisions at this location before.

So .. if parking in the vicinity of the carpark entrance, please be sure to be parked safely, away from the entrance, and well off the road. *Please note that the owners of the property next to the carpark have requested that no-one parks on the grass verge in front of their property.*

A reminder also that yellow painted areas in the carpark are NO PARKING zones ... even if just for a moment. Most parents are doing an awesome job at maintaining steady (and safe) traffic flow during drop off times.

### Reminders from last week

... we are currently as "on top" of the headlice situation as it is possible to be .. parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly and to react promptly in the event of infestation.

... please continue to show an interest in learning support and options programmes ... ask your children what they are learning, what their current goals are, and let us know of any problems.

... out of fairness to other families the board requests that all families pay their school contributions if possible. **If feeling financially stretched at the moment parents are welcome to contact Kevin to discuss alternative payment arrangements. You will find us accommodating and discreet.**

... please note there is no school on Tuesday 29th March 2016. This is an annual holiday for all schools.

... year 7 and 8 children can be registered for after school study time (Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) at no cost to parents. Must be picked up at 4:00 PM please. Registrations to Mrs Donaldson on [kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz](mailto:kdonaldson@matarau.school.nz)

### Needing help with your child's digital device?

Mr D is happy to answer any questions you might have. He is at school Tuesdays and Fridays (Tuesday best day if dropping by) or he can be contacted via our school email.

### Incredible Years Parenting Programme

If interested in doing this programme please contact **phone Cassie on 021 2343 527 ASAP**

### Finally

Thank you to those people who have worked so hard in the run up to our year 5 and 6 camp. Parents have worked hard behind the scenes, and teachers began their planning many months ago. Best wishes for a fun filled, safe, and memorable camp next week. Fingers crossed on the weather front.

Our Sponsors support your  
children, please support them

Regards ... *nga mihi*  
Kevin Trehwella

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## Community Notices

**Irish Dancing Lessons** - Matarau School Hall, Wednesdays 4-5pm weekly. \$10 per lesson, first lesson free.  
Contact Teresa Walker - 021 165 9360

**Circus Skills Classes** - Mondays from 29 Feb 4pm-5.30pm - Youth Class 9 -18yrs olds, 5-8yr olds  
Wednesdays from 2 March from 4pm- 5.30pm, More information text Abbe from Circus Kumarani on  
0212375176 or email [clark.abbe@gmail.com](mailto:clark.abbe@gmail.com)

**Kamo Junior Rugby** is registering players for the 2016 season

To Register go online to [www.sporty.co.nz/kamorsc](http://www.sporty.co.nz/kamorsc) and follow the instructions to Register. An alternative for parent & players who may have additional questions or are new to the club - you can register at the Kamo Rugby Club, Butler Place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March between 6:00-8:00 pm.

**Tikipunga Football Club** - Midgets (4-8yr olds) & Juniors (9-17yr olds), Thursdays at 5pm. Contact  
[Melworth21@gmail.com](mailto:Melworth21@gmail.com) or 021 0644 033 for more info.

